

May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month

Domestic & Family Violence Prevention Month aims to:

- Raise community awareness
- Promote a clear NO tolerance message
- Promote available support
- Encourage people to seek support

To raise awareness of these issues within the Gladstone Region, the LOVE BiTES Program was started by the Coordinated Community Response to Domestic and Family Violence Committee (CCRDFV).

The LOVE BiTES program commenced five years ago and the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum has proudly displayed the artworks for the past four years.

The interactive program is targeted at local teenagers and focuses on the development of respectful relationships. Workshops on 'Domestic and Family Violence Awareness' and 'Sexual Assault Awareness' are then followed by a creative workshop where students have the opportunity to develop art promoting the program's content. LOVE BiTES aims to break intergenerational cycles of domestic and family violence and stop the increasing rates of sexual assault.

Over 150 artworks have been created in the LOVE BiTES Program since May 2016 by over 550 local high school students. All works are on display at the Gallery & Museum during May 2017.



During the period 2006-13, an average of 24 deaths a year in Queensland, were linked to domestic & family violence.

(Domestic & Family Violence death Review Unit, Office of the State Coroner)



Domestic & family violence accounts for 45% of the homicides in Queensland for the 2006-13 period.

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In 2009, it was estimated that domestic and family violence cost the Queensland economy between \$2.7 and \$3.2 billion per annum.

(Dept of Communities website)

LOVE BiTES



A community cultural initiative of the Gladstone Regional Council